

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A monitoring apparatus for monitoring a position and an activity of an individual wearing the monitoring apparatus as well as providing real time access to a wireless LAN. The monitoring apparatus includes a set of hardware, a controller, a power source and at least one user-wearable article. The set of hardware includes a positioning receiver, which determines the position of the individual and generates a position signal in response thereto, and one or more video cameras, which monitor an associated activity of the individual and generate an associated activity video signal in response thereto. The controller, which is coupled to the set of hardware, receives the signal transmitted therefrom and forwards these signals to a remote monitoring station in real time via a wireless interface. The power supply provides electrical power to the set of hardware and the controller. The articles house the set of hardware, the controller and the power supply and is wearable by the individual.